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1. PAK MINISTER OF STATE AZIZ AHMED'S COMMENTS ON PAK/AFGHAN RELATIONS WHILE IN TEHRAN (FBIS, TEHRAN DOMECTIC SERVICE 0330 GMT 22 DEC 75) AND MORE MODERATE LINE TAKEN BY GOA OFFICIALS IN RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH US ARE ENCOURAGING SIGNS OF POSSIBILITY OF BETTERMENT IN PAK/AFGHAN RELATIONS. HOWEVER, AS HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN COMMENTED BY BOTH EMBASSIES ILMAMABAD AND KABUL, PROPAGANDA LEVEL IS CURRENTLY HIGH AND VICIOUS. WE NOTE PARTICULARLY RECENT AFGHAN PROPAGANDA FOCUSING ON PRESENT TROUBLES IN WAZIRISTAN SUCH AS REPORTED FBIS LONDON 7744 (20 DEC 75). AFGHAN MINISTER OBFONTIERS AFFAIRS FAIZ MOHAMMAD WAS BORN A MAHSUD IN WAZIRITAN AND REGARDS HIS BIRTHPLACE AND ITS PEOPLES WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION AND AFFECTION. WHILE HIS TRANSFER FROM INTERIOR TO FRONTIERS AFFAIRS WAS A DEMOTION, FAIZ MOHAMMADS BEING USED BY DAOUD TO CAUSE MISCHIEF
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AND NOT BE RULED OUT.

2. MANY OF STATEMENTS CONTAINED REFTEL ARE FAMILIAR TO US THROUGH PREVIOUS APPEARANCE IN PROPAGANDA AND OTHER CHANNELS. RELEVANT COMMENT ON MANY OF THE ASSERTIONS CAN BE FOUND IN KABUL DAO IR'S FILED FROM 17 OCTOBER TO 6 DECEMBER 1975. IN GENERAL THE ALLEGATIONS RANGE FROM THE PLAINLY TRUE ("THAT SOME FORCES HAVE BEEN MOVED FROM JALALABAD CLOSER TO THE BORDER") TO THE PATENTLY FALSE (THAT LEAVES OF AFGHAN OFFICERS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED) WITH THE FAMILIAR SHADES OF PLAUSIBILITY AND DUBIETY IN BETWEEN.

3. KABUL DATT PLANNING BRIEF TRIP TO PESHAWAR JANUARY 19 TO 21 HOPES REVIEW FRONTIER MILITARY SITUATION WITH ISLAMABAD DATT OFFICE.
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